

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on March 9, 2005 at
3:30 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 107, 3/2/2005; SB 145, 3/2/2005;
SB 233, 3/2/2005

Executive Action: HJ 26; SB 96

HEARING ON SB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:02 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R), SD 18**, opened the hearing on **SB 233**, Lower Missouri River partners council.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:31 **SEN. FRANK SMITH, SD 16**

00:05:46 Buzz Mattelin, Culbertson, Lower Missouri
Coordinated Resource Management Council (LoMoCRM)

EXHIBIT (nah52a01)

00:10:52 Boone Whitmer, LoMoCRM

00:12:13 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:13:35 Rich Moy, Montana Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation

EXHIBIT (nah52a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:28 **REP. BROWN**

00:18:28 **REP. BARRETT**

00:19:46 **REP. HARRIS**

00:23:54 **REP. HEINERT**

00:24:46 **CHAIRMAN PETERSON**

00:26:40 **REP. GUTSCHE**

00:29:23 **REP. HARRIS**

00:31:04 **CHAIRMAN PETERSON**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:03 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R)** closed the hearing on
SB 233.

HEARING ON SB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:24 **SEN. FRANK SMITH (D), SD 16**, opened the hearing on
SB 107, Clarify conditions requiring agricultural
chemical groundwater management plans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:42 Nancy K. Peterson, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT (nah52a03)

00:46:34 Michael Konen via letter

EXHIBIT (nah52a04)

00:47:08 Art Compton, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

00:48:04 Alex Smith, farmer and rancher, Lewistown, Treasurer, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:49:19 Pam Langley, Executive Director, Montana Agricultural Business Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:01 REP. EVERETT

00:52:58 REP. GUTSCHE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:59 SEN. FRANK SMITH (D) closed the hearing on SB 107.

EXHIBIT (nah52a05)

HEARING ON SB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:49 SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 145, Revise petroleum tank release compensation board laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:13 Terry Wadsworth, Executive Director, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board

01:02:54 Sandi Olsen, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:03:37 Angus McKeller, Legislative Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:05 REP. HARRIS

01:12:06 REP. BARRETT

01:13:45 CHAIRMAN PETERSON

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:42 **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D)** closed the hearing on **SB 145**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 26

01:18:55 **Motion:** **REP. HARRIS** moved that **HJ 26 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:19:21 **REP. HARRIS**
01:20:30 **REP. LAMBERT**
01:20:50 **REP. BROWN**
01:21:45 **REP. HARRIS**
01:22:15 **REP. BROWN**
01:23:17 **REP. HARRIS**
01:23:59 **REP. HEINERT**
01:24:48 **REP. HARRIS**
01:24:56 **REP. BIXBY**
01:26:19 **REP. BROWN**
01:26:57 **REP. HARRIS**

01:27:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with
 REPS. BARRETT and **BROWN** voting no and **REPS.**
 WANZENRIED, DICKENSON, SMALL-EASTMAN, CLARK and
 MAEDJE voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96

01:28:32 **Motion:** **REP. FUREY** moved that **SB 96 BE CONCURRED**
 IN.

01:28:53 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** **REP. JOPEK** moved that **SB**
 96 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice
 vote with **REPS. WANZENRIED, DICKENSON, SMALL-**
 EASTMAN, CLARK and **MAEDJE** voting by proxy.

01:30:58

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah52aad0.PDF](#))